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SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION PROPOSALS IN BANGLADESH

REF: DACCA 2205 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. COPIES OF FOUR MORE LETTERS FOR US OIL COMPANIES RECEIVED FROM AHMED REZA, OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY (OIL EXPLORATION) MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS BRINGS TOTAL TO 15 TO DATE. ALL FOUR ARE INVITATIONS FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS ON SPECIFIC DATES, ON DETAILED PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN PAST. TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRMS THUS HONORED IS 7 OVTHE 15.

2. COMPANIES ARA AS FOLLOWS:

(A) OCCIDENTAIL PETROLEUM - FINAL NEGOTAITION APPARENTLY NOT, REPEAT NOT, COMPELTED AS WE INFERRED IN PREVIOUS REPORT (DACCA 2086).

(B) OCEANIC EXPLORATION - LIKE OCCIDENTAL (ALSO ATLANTIC
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RICHFIELD AND CLAYCO), THIS FIRM WAS ALSO INVITED BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR OFFSHORE EXPLORATION THERE. OCEANIC IS OWNED BY JCK GRYNBERG AND EL PASO NATURAL GAS (DACCA MEMCON 3/20/73) AND IN PAST GAINED CONCESSION TO EXPLORE AS WELL IN WEST PAKISTAN.

(C) EASTERN PETROLEUM - LIKE INTERNATIONAL OIL EXPLORATION (DACCA 2205), A FIRM ON WHICH NO CREDIT INFORMATION COULD BE DEVELOPED (USDOC 3838, 11/21/72).

(D) TEXAS PACIFIC - CREDIT INFORMATION GIVEN IN STATE 198841, 11/1/72.

3. TEXT OF FOUR LETTERS IS IDENTICAL TO THAT IN MESSAGE SENT ATLANTIC RICHFIELD (DACCA 1950), WITH ADDITION OF A REFERENCE TO A TELEGRAM SIMULTANEOUSLY SENT OUT BY MINISTRY ON MAY 16 TO EACH OF THE FOUR COMPANIES. THERE WOULD THUS SEEM TO BE NO NEED FOR DEPARTMENT TO PASS TEXT AS REQUESTED ON PREVIOUS LETTERS, SAVE POSSIBLY TO EASTERN PETROLEUM (SEE BELOW). GIVEN UNRELIABILITY BANGLADESH MAIL/ CABLE SERVICE, HOWEVER, DEPT. REQUESTED TO PHONE COMPANIES AND CONFIRM RECEIPT MINISTRY MESSAGES.

4. LETTERS ALL DATED MAY 19. ADDRESSEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) MR. C. J. BLOM, OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP., 5000 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY, BAKERSFIELD, CAL 93309 - REF THEIR LETTER NOV. 17, 1972: TO SEND REP. MAY 30-31.

(B) MR. C. J. GUDIM, VICE-PRES., OCEANIC EXPLORATION CO., 1900 PRUDENTIAL PLAZA TOWER, DEVER, COL. 80202 - REF THEIR LETTER MARCH 7, 1973, TO SEND REP. JUNE 29-30.

(C) MR. PHILIP H. PARIS, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, EASTERN PETROLEUM CO., 1500 C & I BLDG., HOUSTON, TEX 77002 - REF THEIR LETTER APRIL 19, 1972: TO SEND REP. JUNE 20-21. SINCE CREDIT AGENCY REPORTEDLY UNABLE TO LOCATE FIRM AT FOREGOING ADDRESS, MINISTRY'S ORIGINAL LETTER AND CABLE MAY NOT BE DELIVERABLE. WE HAVE PARIS' CARD WHICH IN ADDITION GIVES PHONE NUMBER 713-228-6631; CABLE OMAG; TELEX OMAG HOU 76-2677. REQUEST DEPT. CONTACT PARIS TO DETERMINE WHETHER MINISTRY LETTER/ CABLE RECEIVED; IF NOT, PASS TEXT.
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(D) MR. ALBERT HARIBETZ, TEXAS PACIFIC OIL CO. LTD., 1700 ONE MAIN PLACE, DALLAS, TEX. 75250 - REF THEIR LETTER OCT. 3, 1972: TO SEND REP. JUNE 25-26.
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